

STANSTEAD COLLEGE

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# What a difference 140 years makes!

Here's what was happening on the border in the spring of 1872:

The Postmaster General had authorized the Rock Island Post Office to begin selling money orders.

In April, the house and out-buildings of Simon Stone burned down, at a loss of \$3,000 (partially insured).

*The Stanstead Journal* reported that the Hon. T. L. Terrill had sold 54 "fat oxen" to a man in Quebec, the beasts weighing between 400 and 1,800 pounds each.

Perhaps most exciting of all (at least from our perspective), progress was being made to build a new college in Stanstead.

Almost a year earlier, the Wesleyan Conference had selected Stanstead over Compton as the location for a new Methodist school. (It helped that Stanstead had offered \$15,000 in support of the project, \$5,000 more than Compton.)

However, another \$25,000 was

needed to make this new college a go. One can only imagine the meetings that took place during that fall and winter to raise the necessary capital, not just in Stanstead but throughout the Townships, Montreal, Quebec City, even Eastern Ontario. It wasn't until October of 1872 that the project promoters reached their financial goal.

Were there doubts that spring, I wonder? Did the promoters worry whether their enterprise would ever get off the ground? Or were they brimming with the can-do, pioneer spirit of the age?

Either way, as we approach the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of Stanstead College on December 24, 1872, it's appropriate to think of those visionary men who guided this school into existence. Many of their names still resonate in the community: Colby, Ball, Lee, Terrill (he of the fat oxen), Pierce, Holmes, to name a few.

I think the school's founders

would be proud of Stanstead College in 2012, having survived initial financial hardship, two World Wars, a Depression and never-ending social upheaval, all the while managing to provide a top education to students in preparation for university and life beyond.

They would also be amazed at the school's many changes – too many to mention, in fact, so here's just one: I don't think the founders would ever have anticipated that College teachers and alumni would get together in the spring to play soccer. In Mexico. Against alumni from BCS. Heck, I doubt the founders anticipated Mexicans! Or Taiwanese or Russians or Chinese or Brazilians or...

The founding of Stanstead College may have been grand in its ambition but it was humble in its scope – a school for the region's children. Nearly 140 years later, the school has a far broader perspective, offering a global approach to education, yet continuing to produce young men and women who, I'm quite confident, our school's founders would have been very pleased to make the acquaintance of.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Red & White*, our ongoing record of Stanstead College, past, present and future.

Michael Wolfe, Headmaster

In February, Headmaster Michael Wolfe joined Stanstead alumni in Mexico for a soccer game against their BCS counterparts. For more, see page 16.



## • Mission Statement •

Our mission is to provide students from Canada and around the world with a highly structured and supportive educational program in a small, secure environment. The Stanstead experience helps all students reach their full academic potential in preparation for university, develop healthy and active lifestyles, and understand the importance of respect, responsibility and self-discipline.



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**On the cover: Grade 10 students on their annual trip to Quebec City.**

# Winter Sports

The Pat Burns Arena, in its inaugural Stanstead College season, was put to good use over the past several months, hosting a number of tournaments, as well as the girls' league championship and even a visit from the Czechs.

For the third year in their three years in the league, the Girls Hockey Spartans captured the McMaster Division title in the North American Prep Hockey League with a regular-season record of 7-3-1. Hoping to repeat their 2011 NAPHA championship, the girls hosted the league playoffs at home in February. While the girls made it to the final, they lost

to a very strong team from Nichol School.

While the finish was disappointing, the girls vindicated themselves with a gutsy performance at the NAHA Tournament in Jay, Vt., including two overtime wins to capture the trophy.

Over March break, the girls travelled to California where they won five out of five games against the Anaheim Lady Ducks U14, U16 and U19 teams.



The Girls Hockey Spartans celebrate their win at the North American Hockey Academy Tournament in Jay, Vt.



Stanstead College Assistant Headmaster Christian Wells drops the puck at a meeting Monday between the Stanstead College Spartans and the visiting Czech Republic National U17 team, represented here by host Mark Jankowski and Czech captain Jan Stencel.

On the boys' side, the Varsity Spartans had an overall record of 39-18-6 and finished third in their division in the Midwest Prep Hockey League. Among the season highlights was a first-ever win at the MacPherson Tournament at St. Andrew's College, defeating Upper Canada

College 2-1 in double overtime. Spartan forward Mark Jankowski was named tournament MVP.

At home, the Spartans were unable to recapture last year's home invitational win, losing to Cégep de Ste-Foy 5-2 in the final.

Also in January, the Spartans hosted an exhibition game against the Czech Republic National U17 team. The Czechs were coming off their eighth-place finish at the 2012 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Windsor, Ont. The Stanstead contest resulted in a 7-2 win for the visiting team.

## Lefort and Canada win gold in U-18 Worlds

Senior Sarah Lefort of Ormstown, Quebec has another gold medal to add to her collection, this one as part of Canada's 2011-12 Women's Under-18 hockey team.

Canada won gold at the 2012 IIHF Women's World Championship in Zlin-Prerov, Czech Republic in January, going undefeated in the tournament and beating USA 3-0 in the final.

Sarah enjoyed an excellent tour-

namment overall, ranking 13th in points with 3 goals and 4 assists, including a goal and assist in the gold medal game.

Sarah was only one of three Quebec players on the 22-person roster.

The national team placement was only the latest success for Sarah, who in February 2011 travelled to Halifax, N.S. with Spartan teammate Maxie Plante (2011) to compete with Team Quebec at the

Canada Games.

Sarah's training and tournament time took her away from several Spartan games. Regardless, she was the team's top point earner with 67 goals and 38 assists in 45 games.

In March, Sarah was named the MVP Girls Hockey Spartan for the second year in a row.

Looking forward, Sarah has committed to Division I Boston University for 2012-13.



# Stanstead senior in NHL's sights

**M**ark Jankowski has his fingers crossed for this coming June.

Already committed to Division I Providence College for 2012 or 2013, the Varsity Hockey forward was recently ranked the #43 prospect among North American skaters in the 2012 NHL Draft, putting him in the crosshairs for the draft in June.

Mark, a Grade 12 student from Dundas, Ont., was added in late November to the C list of "players to watch," greatly increasing his chances of being among players picked in the eight-round draft in June.

The C list often includes players outside the junior hockey ranks who may not be in the spotlight like other high-profile prospects but are impact players who are turning heads.

Mark is in his second year at Stanstead College and enjoyed an excellent season. He was the top points earner in the Midwest Prep Hockey League and had an overall season record of 53 goals, 40

assists and +/- of 51. Standing at 6'2.75" and 171 pounds, Mark is a highly skilled centreman with great vision, speed and overall tremendous hockey sense, says coach James Rioux.

"His competitive nature, work ethic in practice and character on and off the ice make him an outstanding prospect," he said. "He has a nose for the net and deep bag of tricks with the puck."

In addition to being on the NHL list, Mark

appeared on TSN's Craig Button's mid-January list of top players eligible for the 2012 NHL Entry Draft. Originally ranked #68, Mark leaped to #38 in February and #23 in March.

The last Spartan to make the NHL draft was Danny Hobbs (2006), drafted by the New York



Mark Jankowski

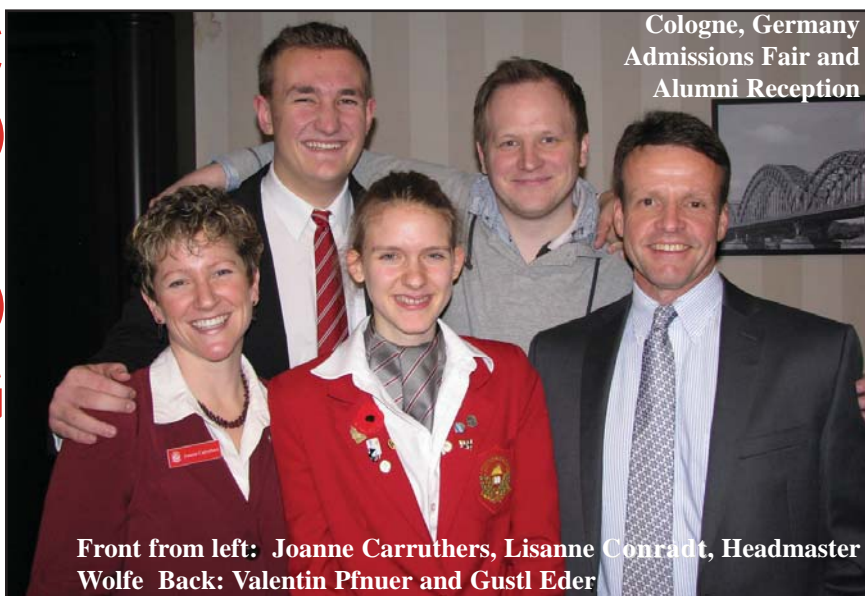
Rangers in the seventh round (198th overall). He is currently a senior at UMass-Amherst and last summer was named a Ranger prospect to watch.

In March, Mark received his second Major S for hockey as well as the Dawes Trophy.



Sarah Lefort

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Cologne, Germany  
Admissions Fair and  
Alumni Reception

Front from left: Joanne Carruthers, Lisanne Conradt, Headmaster Wolfe Back: Valentin Pfner and Gustl Eder

# Former student salutes teacher

There are many ways our students say thank you to their teachers. Often it's in person, sometimes it's years later at an alumni event. Rare is it, though, that the thank you comes via one of the world's most prestigious universities.

But 2011 grad Blanche Du Sault has offered her thanks in this way, capitalizing on Stanford University's annual Teacher Tribute Initiative to recognize teacher Erik Van Dyke.

Stanford's incoming students are encouraged through the initiative to "acknowledge a former teacher or mentor who played a significant role in their intellectual, academic, social, and personal development."

As a result, Mr. Van Dyke received a certificate, which Headmaster Wolfe read aloud at the Fall Academic Assembly.

"Stanford University wishes to recognize Erik Van Dyke for exceptional teaching. Your dedication as an educator and a mentor has contributed to the future of your students, Stanford University, and your community."

The certificate also includes Blanche's citation:

"Mr. Van Dyke was always in a great mood (especially when the Colts won)... You can tell a teacher who *likes* teaching from a teacher who *loves* teaching; and VD is the definition of someone who loves what he does; and he's incredibly good at it. He made every class extremely captivating and made all his students look forward to that time of day. He made me love a subject

that I originally hated. That shows only a small extent of what he's capable of. It was an honour to be taught by him."

~Blanche Du Sault, Stanford, Class of 2015



In his guise as senior girls basketball coach, Erik Van Dyke poses with this year's Bess Ferguson Trophy winner, Anchi Numfor.

11th  
Annual

## Alumni & Friends Fundraising Golf Tournament & Auction



**Friday, May 25, 2012**  
**Dufferin Heights Golf Club**  
**Four-person Vegas**

Registration, lunch & range balls beginning at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

Your \$175 registration fee includes lunch, range balls, participation gifts, 18 holes of golf, cart, snacks and on-course activities, dinner with wine, door prizes and more.

Register early as space is limited. Payment required at time of registration to guarantee your spot. Contact the Advancement Office for more information.

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All proceeds benefit Stanstead College's  
Scholarship and Bursary Program.



# New look for Student Centre

Spring is green and as of this April so is the Student Centre.

The Eric T. Webster Student Centre underwent an upgrade over the March break, the first of its kind since the space was rebuilt in 2001. In keeping with the College's commitment to moving towards a sustainable campus, the upgrade has been done in as eco-friendly a manner as possible.

Paint used for the walls was Canadian-made recycled latex, RONA's ECO brand. The floors were re-varnished using an eco-certified water-reducible high-performance urethane with no heavy metals or zinc.

The most noticeable change, however, is the furniture. A full set of new furniture has been provided by YUP Inc., the Toronto-based company owned by alumni Ian Jackson (1982) and VJ Bala (1994). The upholstered armchairs and sectional sofas are made from 85% recycled material and is itself 100% recyclable. The innards are made entirely of corrugated board



that doesn't use any new wood or metal to manufacture. The materials make the furniture very light, without compromising structural strength, resulting in less petroleum to transport.

While these pieces were made in Mexico, VJ explains that production has recently moved to Canada.

"Ian and I are passionate about helping our College and alumni, and gave the college a very

Besides the physical surroundings, the Student Centre will operate as sustainably as possible, from using eco-friendly cleaning products and light bulbs to no bags given out at Lucie's Tuck Shop.

In addition to their contributions to the Student Centre, Ian and VJ are offering alumni a chance to purchase an exclusive Stanstead College ottoman – known as the Cube – in support of the school's Annual Fund. In addition to providing this innovative Canadian-made product, YUP is also throwing in a free DeLIGHT, a remote-controlled, multi-coloured LED light, which the company describes as a "very cool addition to your energy-efficient lifestyle." All proceeds from the sales support the Annual Fund. See ad on page 15 for details.

attractive discounted price point on the pieces," he says. "The intention was to get the College started on the green front and also use this as a method to educate the students."

As for the old furniture, it has been redistributed to various locations on campus.



# Class notes

**1962**

**Richard Montgomery** is now retired after spending most of his working life in Sydney, Australia. He returns regularly to Canada and the USA for family visits.

**1964**

**Michael Moskau** and his wife live in Rockland, Ontario. He plans to retire from Canadian Public Service on January 31, 2013 after 34.5 years. Annually, Mike and his wife, including their nieces and often his sister-in-law, walk the Walk to End Women's Cancers in Montreal. This year will be the ninth year in a row that they walk the 60 km on the weekend of August 25 and 26. This year, their daughter Catherina will also join them there as a volunteer. It has turned into a family tradition.

**1973**

**C. David (Dave) Johnson**, after a successful run on Broadway in New York in *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, has joined the Stratford Shakespeare Festival Company for the 60th Anniversary Season, performing in *42nd Street* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. He hopes to see you there!

**1982**

**Greg Singh** is a chef instructor at the Liaison College cooking school in Hamilton. The school has recently partnered with the local Ronald McDonald House to build a fully

stocked catering kitchen to serve up to 40 families staying at the residence at any given time. A Canadian first, the kitchen will be manned by Liaison students under Greg's instruction, serving as both a classroom and a service to the community.

**1990**

**James Wang** and **Hank Wang** (2002) are involved in the electronics industry in China.

**1992**

**Roger Wang** works for the oil industry in Houston, Texas as a mechanical engineer.

**Richard Lin** is a doctor and lives in Taiwan.

**1994**

**Frank Lee** lives in Shanghai and is a buyer for U.S. retailer BigLots.



**1997**

**Miranda Lightstone** now works full-time as an automotive journalist for Auto123.com where she test drives cars and writes reviews. She also attends drive events and product launches around the globe. Miranda is also a new mom. She and husband Colin Styker saw son Owen enter the world on November 26, 2011 weighing a whopping 9 lbs. 4 ounces.

**2002**

**Jack Hsu** graduated from Oregon State and is now an engineer in Portland, Oregon.

**Erik Castillo** first learned to play rugby when he was in Grade 7 at Stanstead. Now 10 years later, Erik not only plays rugby for a club in Mexico City called Jaguares Rugby Club but also for the Mexican National Team (Serpientes.) Erik, who will be graduating from





university in Mechanical Engineering this May, has been playing with the National Rugby 7s since 2010 when they won the bronze medal in the 2010 Central American Games. This is his first year with the 15s which, from now until June, will be playing their qualifier games for the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

**Laura Thies** directed and edited her first feature length fiction film this year. *Surviving Family* was shot in New York City, New Jersey and the Poconos, Pennsylvania. Laura was fortunate to work with known acting talents such as Phyllis Somerville (*Benjamin Button*), Vincent Pastore (*The Sopranos*) and Bill Sage (*American Psycho*). For more information please visit [www.survivingfamily.us](http://www.survivingfamily.us).

In the meantime Laura is living between Munich, Germany and New York keeping her artsy fartsy being alive. In December she will be performing in an Off-Off-Broadway Musical Comedy called *Women Are Beautiful*. She misses Stanstead College and its people, and hopes to visit soon!

### 2003

**Vanessa Kurtz** and Jason Guild are the proud new parents of daughter Milah Winter Guild



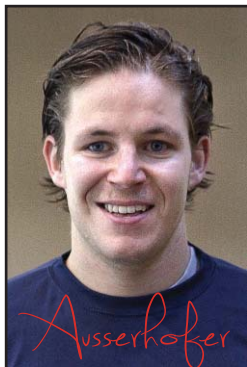
who was born January 26, 2012. Milah weighed 6 lbs. 13 ounces.

### 2004

**Jean-Michel Lanot** is now a firefighter for the City of Montreal.

### 2006

**Marty Ausserhofer**, now a Hobart College junior goalie, was selected the ECAC West Goalie of the Week in February. He made 63 saves in a 1-0-1 weekend at Neumann. Ausserhofer improved to 10-5-1 in net this season. In March Marty was named to the ECAC West's All-Academic team.



### 2007

**William Murphy** was recently featured in *The Toronto Star* as one of 30 university students (mostly engineering students) who competed in a national paper airplane contest. Representing Bishop's University, William had the longest hang time at 10.19 seconds, earning him and two others a trip to Salzburg, Austria, for the Red Bull Paper Wings World Championship in early May.

### 2009

If you're a Discovery Channel fan, you may have recently seen



**Jesse Halikas** on Discovery's reality TV show "License to Drill." Halikas is a rookie roughneck, working for Penn West Exploration as they drill for gas. "License to Drill" airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m.

### Former Faculty

On March 16, 2012, Université de Sherbrooke announced the award of a Canada Research Chair to Dr. Rona Graham. Rona is the youngest daughter of **Duncan** and **Maggi Graham** who were Geography and Art teachers at Stanstead College. Her mother, Maggi, who passed away in 2007 from Alzheimers, was active with AIDS Vancouver. Her father, Duncan, is still active with World Federalists Movement (current project: The Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly) and lectures on the inevitability of planetary government.

**Chris LaPerle** and **Ali Martin-Mayer** met at Stanstead's Annual Faculty Trustee Dinner in 2009

when he was a teacher and she was a new trustee and director. They were married on October 10, 2010 and recently had a baby girl, Victoria Louise LaPerle, who owes



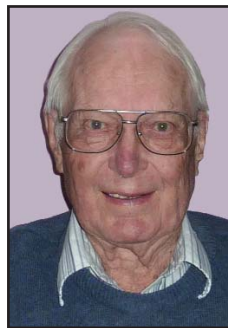
her existence to Stanstead College! The family now lives in Montreal where Chris is an assistant hockey coach for the McGill University Redmen. On

March 25, 2012, Chris helped the Redmen bring home the national CIS championship for the first time in the 135-year existence of the McGill program. On left you

can see Victoria savouring victory!

### In Memoriam

A former trustee, member of the executive and an honorary trustee, **E. Stewart Cowen** passed away peacefully at the BMP Hospital in Cowansville, Que., on January 5, 2012. He was 95 years old.



Mr. Cowen was the father of alumnus and current board member Jonathan Cowen (1972) and joined the board in 1971. He remained active into the eighties at which point he was named an

Honorary Trustee, a title he held until his death.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years Betsy and his children William (Susan), Margot (Buth), Jamie (Kathy), Jonathan (Judith) and by his grandchildren Andrea (Anthony), Hilary (Hadwen), Mathew (Karen), Michael, Jeffrey (2009), Jason (grade 12) and his step-granddaughters Jill (Andrew), Kerry (Alex) and his great-grandchildren Thomas, Nathaniel, Sophie, India, Fiona, Megan, Aimee.

A family interment will be held in the spring at St. Stephen's Church, Chambly, Que.

Donations in his memory may be made to the BMP Hospital Foundation.

## Something like this.

This is what it feels like to attend Stanstead College, to experience the excitement of being part of a team, to play music in front of your friends, to learn about new cultures, to benefit from a top university-prep education.

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# Mark your calendars now! It will be September and Homecoming 2012 before you know it.

Homecoming 2012 will be held this year on Saturday, September 29. In addition to being the usual full day of activities, memories and athletic contests between the Spartans and our BCS rivals, the day will feature a number of special events and gatherings.



*John Mackay, graduation, 1952*

One of the highlights of the day will be the opening of the new W. John Mackay Gymnasium – our converted former pool. The conversion's benefactor, John Mackay (Class of 1952), will be on hand for the opening and he has invited his former classmates to join him.

The gym will be put to good use Homecoming morning with an alumni basketball game. If you're a former Spartan hoopster and



would like to join the fun, contact the Advancement Office to reserve a place.

Where did 20 years go? For that matter, where did 25 years go? That's what alumni from the late eighties and early nineties will be asking each other at Homecoming. Neil Dickens and Gary Bruce from the Class of 1987 have been contacting their classmates to encourage them to come to Homecoming 2012. Both Neil and Bruce were basketball players and are coming to play in the alumni game but they are trying to encourage all of their former

classmates to come out, basketball game or not. Please contact [neil@ic-resources.co.uk](mailto:neil@ic-resources.co.uk) to let him know your plans.

Charles Seagram ([cseagram@vwprestige.com](mailto:cseagram@vwprestige.com)), Class of 1992, has also been reaching out to his former classmates of the early 1990s to encourage them to come out for Homecoming 2012.

Watch the website and Facebook for more details closer to September. See you at Homecoming 2012.





# SC's Golden Age of Drama

At some point, graffiti becomes history.

Standing smack on the Canada-U.S. border, the Haskell Opera House has preserved that history, in this case names scrawled on the backstage walls and in the dressing rooms, names of actors and stagehands dating back to the 1940s, even earlier, a good many of them students of Stanstead College.

Even though the Opera House went through extensive renovations in the early 1990s, involving the installation of fire escapes and an elevator, effort was made to preserve as much of the scrawled walls as possible.

Boots McLeod *Trial by Jury* 1951

Maurice Janna, Prince Dimitri, *The Forest Prince*, SWC 1945-46

*The Robe* O.J. Lemon '57

L. Tilton *Candle Man* '52

J.G. Robert *H.M.S. Pinafore*

Lloyd Campbell MacPherson

If this last name rings a bell, it's because it's Mr. MacPherson, a teacher and later headmaster at Stanstead College from 1941 to 1957.

More to the point, Mr. MacPherson – or “MacDuff,” as the Nova Scotian Scot was affectionately known – was the heart and soul of drama at Stanstead College, and for many years the Haskell Opera House was its home.

Why perform at the Haskell if the

College had the old Pierce Hall?

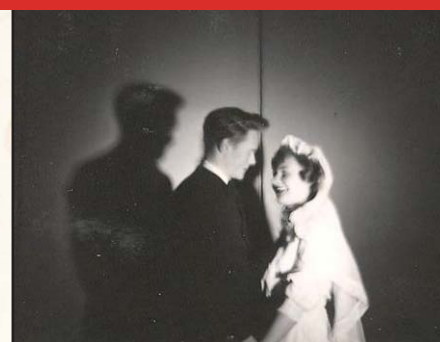
“Pierce Hall before the fire had a concert stage with a grand piano that should have been in Carnegie Hall,” says Alan MacMillan, Class of 1955. “There was nowhere to move it, and, besides, the stage was too small for a full theatrical production.”

Full and ambitious. With MacPherson as the driving force, the College thespians performed three one-act plays in the fall and a major production in the spring, often with a full orchestra.

With MacPherson serving as director and members of the Conservatory and adult volunteers providing the music, productions included *The S a u c y Hollandaise* in 1943 (“the first production of its kind in recent years,” read the school

Annual), *The Forest Prince* in 1945, and in 1948 perhaps one of the most ambitious productions ever produced by the College, Gilbert & Sullivan’s *HMS Pinafore*.

This major undertaking of a show was, the Annual declared, “an entertainment that will live for a long time in the annals of the College as one of the best shows produced by the Dramatic Society.”



John Murray and Janie Kirk in *Our Town*, March 18, 1949

Perhaps it was one-upmanship, but the Annual for 1949 had this to say about the Society’s production of Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town*: “The Dramatics Club certainly surpassed all its previous efforts in public performance and presented a production which will always be



*The Forest Prince* was performed in both 1945 and 1954.

remembered whenever folk reminisce about 1948-49 at Stanstead College.”

As with many productions, Mr. MacPherson not only directed but played a role, in this case that of the narrator.

“He certainly knew his theatre and had a reasonably good baritone voice,” recalls MacMillan. “He was an able director but got a little nervous before performance time.”

Marian (Rose) Behn (Class of 1951) described MacPherson as



Lloyd C. MacPherson





"always a bit of a funny guy, but he knew how to get what he wanted when he was doing a play."

She remembers her mother being in the audience for *Our Town*, in which Marian had a small role. "She was very moved by that play," she remembers. "It was wonderfully done."

Under MacPherson's supervision, the school formed a Dramatic Society in 1946 "to foster an interest in the field of dramatics and to that end [sponsor] the School's annual dramatic production." The club's first officers were Ian MacMillan, president; Gertrude Hodge, vice-president; Ruth Fraas, secretary; and Joe Langlois, treasurer.

But perhaps MacPherson's biggest coup was gaining membership for Stanstead College in the National Thespian Society. Troupe No. 1056 was the very first Canadian member of the society, enough of

an accomplishment that *The Stanstead Journal* covered the initial induction ceremony.

Members participated in Sherbrooke play festivals and continued staging grand productions at the Haskell in the subsequent years – *Trial by Jury*, *The Chimes of Normandy*, *The Forest Prince* (again) and, in 1957, *The Robe*.

This was MacPherson's last production at the College, having tendered his resignation halfway through the year. The 1957 yearbook was dedicated to him. "Year after year, plays and operettas have been produced under his enthusiastic direction in

which often half the school was brought in to assist in one way or another."

Lloyd MacPherson spent the remainder of his career at St. Andrew's College in Ontario, where he was for many years assistant headmaster. He died, a bachelor to the end, in 1988.

(Incidentally, the MacPherson Hockey Tournament at St. Andrew's, which the Stanstead Varsity Boys won this year, is named after Lloyd MacPherson.)

While dramatics survived at Stanstead College after MacPherson's departure, the Thespian Society troupe appears not to have done so.

"The next person who came in didn't have the desire to promote the theatre or perhaps the desire to fork out the \$200 a year for membership," speculates Allan MacMillan.

It was also the end of regular performances





# Parent gives back

*Stanstead College celebrates creative thinking, and that includes the many ways our community can support the school. The following was written by **Linda Weseloh**, a past parent (Andrea Dumas 2008), who has twice stayed and worked at the school for short periods as a volunteer – her way of giving back to the school.*

**M**y daughter, Andrea, was a student at Stanstead College during the school year 2007-2008. Stanstead College gave Andrea the opportunity to combine her love of learning with her love of sports. Being successful in the Stanstead environment was not only encouraged but rewarded. Andrea has often said that going to Stanstead College is a gift that just keeps on giving.

Giving is an important notion to cultivate. Giving back is even more important, both for the College and for the giver. Offering a little of my time and an extra pair of hands to help out was, for me, an appropriate way to return a small part of the favour and to show my gratitude for the year my daughter spent at Stanstead College.

I've seen what it takes to keep Stanstead ticking steadily throughout the day and during a week. Although I live in Quebec City, I've stayed at the College twice and helped out in different capacities. I've done clerical work, accompanied students during



**During her recent volunteer stint at Stanstead College, Linda Weseloh (right) joined the Admissions team to greet a prospective student and her parents. It turned out that she had been the father's Grade 6 teacher 32 years earlier!**

activities, tutored second language students, supervised in the houses in the evening and been a resource person when parents have brought potential students to visit. As a qualified teacher, I have replaced in the classroom when a teacher was ill. It's a pleasure to help out and it is so very much appreciated. It was also an excellent opportunity to experience why the students call Stanstead College their home away from home.

You might not be able to go and

stay for as long as I did. I know a day or even an afternoon, if you live close enough, would be welcomed. Each of us has skills that would be useful to the College. It shows our children the importance of giving back to an institution that has itself been so instrumental in nurturing their potential. Whether you are a current or former parent or student, please consider giving your time to the College. You'll be so glad you did!

## Play continued

*from page 13*

at the Haskell, probably because the newly reconstructed Pierce Hall in 1958 included a larger stage more conducive to theatrical productions.

In addition, by 1959, Stanstead College had become an all-boys school. While productions

continued, the face of drama changed, so to speak. In describing his performance as Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*, for example, the 1960 Annual described actor Carlos Barbouth as "the sort of blonde that gentlemen prefer."

Many College teachers have championed drama through the

years – Roy Peirce, Geoff Telling, Barb Elliot to name a few – and today the student body continues to eagerly anticipate each year's theatrical production. But it is unlikely the College will ever again embrace dramatics with the grandeur and pomp – or graffiti – of the Golden Age.



## FRANKFURT



Frankfurt, Germany  
Alumni Reception,  
Jan. 27, 2012

From left to right:  
Anne-Sophie Plinkert  
Uli Schulern  
Gustl Eder  
Naomi Orth  
Annika Pinger  
Headmaster Wolfe  
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# The Battle of Mexico



The alumni gathering in Mexico City is usually one of our best-attended events, and this year was no exception. Over 70 former students gathered Thursday, February 23 to reminisce and to catch up with Headmaster Michael Wolfe, Director of Advancement Dugie Ross and teacher Graham Chandler.

The festivities continued on Saturday with a Mexico first: a soccer game between alumni of Stanstead College and Bishop's College School at the Universidad Anahuac Del Sur. There was a terrific turnout from both sides, including parents, fans and even future Spartans.

"The Spartans were down 2-0 at half-time, and things looked grim, especially since we were only going to play a 40-minute second half as opposed to the usual 45 minutes," reported Headmaster Wolfe. "Thanks to player/coach Peach Chandler, though, we rallied to score 3 goals and pull out a 3-2 victory. What a great win, what a great day!"

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# Origins of the Crest



Every now and then, the meaning of the word “religio” in the Stanstead College motto is put forward for debate. Does it mean Religion? Faith? Virtue? Or its politically neutral current interpretation, Integrity?

The bottom line is that the very origin of the Latin “religio” is itself obscure.

How apt, then, that the origin of the school crest displaying these words is likewise obscure.

In a 1986 alumni magazine, the College’s resident historian Joan MacDonald documented her attempts to track down the origin of the school crest. The school archives offered no help.

“Perhaps this information was destroyed in the 1938 fire, when the main building was burned to the ground,” she speculated.

What she did discover was that the original school motto, dating as far back as 1880, went by “Sanitias Scientia Religio” or “Health, Knowledge and Something-Approximating-Virtue.”

Somewhere around 1889, however, “Scientia” was changed to “Sapientia,” the higher-minded “wisdom.”

But back to the crest...

“Our coat of arms,” writes MacDonald, “with the open book and the sun in splendour, may have been adapted from the seal used by the Royal Institution for the Advancement of

Learning (RIAL). One of the institutional ancestors of Stanstead College, the ‘little red schoolhouse,’ later known as the Mansur School, was a Royal Institution establishment.”

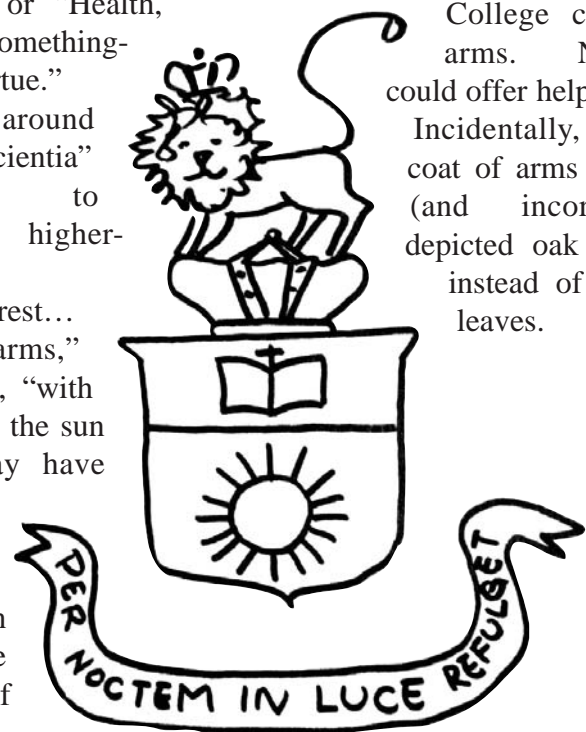
In fact, the RIAL oversaw all elementary schooling in Lower Canada during the first half of the 19th century. In addition, the RIAL was (and still is) responsible for managing the McGill bequest that established the eponymous Montreal university, which maintained a strong association with Stanstead College in its early years.

In 1977, McGill archivist Faith Wallis sent MacDonald the sketch of the RIAL crest seen here.

In preparation for the school’s 125th anniversary, school librarian Liz Getty wrote to both the National Archives of Canada and the *Archives nationales du Québec* seeking any information about the

origin of the College coat of arms. Neither could offer help.

Incidentally, the coat of arms briefly (and incorrectly) depicted oak leaves instead of maple leaves.





# “Grow your mind, think critically.”

The guest speaker at January's Academic Assembly was Lucille Villaseñor-Caron, Class of 2000, currently working as a special projects manager for Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada in Ottawa, addressing socio-economic issues and priorities for Inuit women, their families and communities.

A member of the school's so-called “six-year club,” Ms. Villaseñor-Caron recognized the influence the diverse and supportive school community had on her life.

“Stanstead College became my family,” she said. “After leaving, I became aware that not everyone had the same cultural awareness that I had thanks to the school.”

After graduation, Ms. Villaseñor-Caron attended Mount Allison, where, after a disastrous first year in Commerce, she discovered that she was less interested in external expectations of success than in her own desire to question and challenge. She found an outlet for this in Sociology and ended up graduating with a degree in International Relations and Sociology. Her master's studies in social work are continuing currently at the Carleton School of Social Work.

“I wanted to work with marginalized people and others who also faced structural barriers preventing them from moving forward,” she said.

Work on sustainable development and youth projects with the UN and as a policy analyst with the Canadian federal government allowed her to utilize the critical thinking skills she



**Lucille Villaseñor-Caron (centre) helps distribute academic achievement certificates to students.**

learned in university, she said, but didn't allow much room for challenging conventional thought. Her current work with a non-governmental organization at the ground level allows her to be closer to the issues.

“Canada should be ashamed of its ‘third world’ conditions that are present in its own backyard,” she said. “There are so many things we can do right here in our own country.”

Ms. Villaseñor-Caron's advice to the students was to follow their heart, question everything and not to worry about conforming to society's expectations. Take the opportunities of school and university to grow your mind, think critically and develop interpersonal and social skills, she said.

“Discovering your life purpose is a journey, and

you don't know where you're going until you get there,” she said.

Following her talk, Ms. Villaseñor-Caron helped distribute certificates to students who had achieved academic success during the first term.

## NEW YORK CITY



**Headmaster Michael Wolfe and Director of Advancement Dugie Ross (1970) welcomed alumni and parents at the New York Athletic Club on October 20, 2011. Rebecca Nienkamper 1983 (on right) is seen here with Headmaster Wolfe and friend Yeon-U Choi.**



## OTTAWA



Alumni and friends of Stanstead gathered at D'Arcy McGees in Ottawa on November 3, 2011.

1. Dugie Ross 1970, Jesse McRae 2002 and David Gray (trustee and former parent)
2. Jordan Wong 2009, Rume Kakpovbia 2009 and Jeffrey Cowen 2009
3. Lucille Villasenor-Caron 2000 and the gang at D'Arcy McGees.
4. Ted Moysey 1972 and Michel Gaudett 1972
5. Neil Campbell, Eleanor (Duffy) Campbell 1944 and Andrew Davies (trustee)
6. Darren Gray 2000 and father David Gray (trustee)



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## 2011-2012 Events Calendar

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Fundraising Golf Tournament & Auction

June 2, 2012

Graduation Dinner & Dance

June 23, 2012

Baccalaureate & Prize Giving

July 1-28, 2012

Summer Language Adventure Camp

September 29, 2012

Homecoming 2012

October 3, 2012

Calgary Reunion

October 4, 2012

Vancouver Reunion

October 11, 2012

Halifax Reunion

October 18, 2012

New York City Reunion

November 1, 2012

Ottawa Reunion



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